

MEDIA ADVISORY
JEDCO, LDEQ to be awarded \$900,000 in EPA Brownfield Grants
tomorrow

(AVONDALE, LA) -- Tomorrow, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will award Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO) and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) a total of \$900,000 to perform environmental assessments and develop cleanup plans for abandoned and underutilized properties (known as brownfield sites) to facilitate their redevelopment and reuse. The funding comes from EPA's Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program. The press event will include short comments from EPA, JEDCO, LDEQ and partner organizations as well as a check presentation.

WHO: Stacey Dwyer, Deputy Director, EPA Region 6, Land, Chemicals, and Redevelopment
Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Jerry Bologna, CEO, Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission
Ricky Templet, Councilman, Jefferson Parish
Kristin Gisleson Palmer, Councilwoman, City of New Orleans

WHERE: Port of New Orleans Conference Room
1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130

WHEN: Thursday, June 10, 2021
8:30 a.m. CDT

WHY: The federal grants will be used to assess potential Brownfield sites on the West Bank (both Jefferson and Orleans parishes), which will lead to increased investment, job creation and revitalization of underserved areas in the community.

*****Photo and video opportunities include grant ceremony, check presentation, and one-on-one interviews with key players immediately following the event*****